

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BONIOR. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, first of all, I would like to thank the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) for the inquiry. Let me just say that the only condition, I believe, that the Committee on Rules has indicated now is the preprinting requirement, filing requirement, for Tuesday, May 15. Obviously, this legislation is a matter of enormous consequence on both sides of the aisle, and I can only say that I know of no predisposition on the part of the Committee on Rules to lack generosity, nor certainly any disposition on the part of the leadership to encourage that. So I would just encourage the gentleman that we ought to just go forward and make our case before the committee with the expectations of fair consideration.

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BONIOR. I yield to the gentleman from Ohio.

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR) for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, as the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) mentioned, during the committee process certain numbers of Members did withhold amendments. We told them we would try, in fact, to work with them as we came to the floor. I would suggest to my colleague from California that we have worked together closely through the committee process, and as the Committee on Rules is doing the deliberations on the rule I would continue to work closely with the gentleman.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BONIOR. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if I may, I would encourage then perhaps the chairman and the ranking member might get together and see what recommendations they together might make before the Committee on Rules.

Mr. BONIOR. Does the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY) anticipate any late nights next week?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman again for his inquiry. I suppose one would realistically expect that a late night would be possible on Wednesday evening. Since there is a most high probability of working on Friday and a sense of desire to complete the work on the education bill, one could anticipate some late night work on Thursday night as well.

Mr. BONIOR. When can we expect the reconciliation bill on taxes to come to the floor?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, again, I thank the gentleman for his inquiry. I must say right now I have no insight to give him on that. It is our hope to complete that before the Memorial Day recess, but as of this moment we wait upon the Senate. We can only give the

gentleman further advice as we know more.

Mr. BONIOR. I thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY).

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, MAY 14, 2001

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2001

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Monday, May 14, 2001, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15, for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be the will of this House that every mother in America have a wonderful weekend.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 1-minute requests.

GOOD-BYE TO FRIEND JENNIFER BYLER AND HER DAUGHTER SARAH

(Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today we say good-bye to a great lady of Virginia, my friend Jennifer Byler, a community leader and a dedicated wife and mother. Jennifer and her 9-year-old daughter Sarah perished in a tragic boating accident on

the Chesapeake Bay this past weekend. The sailboat they were traveling in capsized in high winds and Jennifer, her daughter Sarah, and brother and sister-in-law John and Nan Curtis were left to the seas for nearly 15 hours.

John and Nan are recovering and I thank them, especially John, for his valiant efforts to swim to shore with boat in tow.

Jennifer Byler was a dedicated member of the Virginia Board of Education, fighting for the best interests of our children and working to improve public education in our area. She will be sorely missed.

In this time of tragedy and loss, my prayers are with Jennifer's husband Gary, to her children, Georgia Cate, 7, Emma Grace, 6, and Jonathan Levi, 4, and the great Commonwealth of Virginia for our collective loss.

IF WE KNEW HOW GREAT GRANDPARENTING WAS WE MIGHT HAVE SKIPPED THE KIDS

(Mrs. DAVIS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, it is my very special pleasure to rise today and celebrate the birth of Henry Sloane Davis. Many of us have heard the expression that if we knew how great grandparenting was, we might have skipped the kids.

I certainly enjoy my children and it is wonderful being a mother-in-law, but I can assure everyone, and many in the audience know this, that holding one's grandchild for the first time is just a phenomenal experience.

I know that I came here to Congress to make the world a better place, and there is nothing that will rededicate, I think, one's efforts to that than the birth of a grandchild.

I want to thank my many colleagues who have perhaps suffered through all the pictures that I have been showing them. We are really very human here, and I am thankful when we have these special events in our lives and people respond as warmly as they have to me. I then know that we all are focused on the right things. Whenever we vote, we want to be thinking about how that vote will affect the lives of our children, our grandchildren, and their children.

I am thankful, Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity to celebrate Henry's birth.

FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS ARE STILL A HALLMARK OF DEMOCRACY

(Mr. HYDE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, free and fair elections are still a hallmark of democracy. Those countries which still harbor Communist regimes can look with envy upon Italy, where within 7 days